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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

I am a software engineer with approximately 10 years experience developing system software and applications for the Windows, Unix and Macintosh operating systems. It is my opinion that the proposed Microsoft settlement (<http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm>) will have absolutely no effect whatever on the anticompetitive and monopolistic practices of Microsoft, and does nothing to protect consumers from the predatory nature of the Microsoft company. In fact, the proposed settlement appears to give Microsoft a free hand to extend its near total domination of the desktop operating system market to other markets as well (such as server operating systems, internet protocols, handheld computers, etc...).

I urge you to reject this settlement proposal and pursue a course that will protect consumers, rather than just protect Microsoft.

Thank you,

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